

Apothecary /ə'pɒθɪkəri/ is a historical name for a medical professional who formulates and dispenses materia medica to physicians, surgeons and patients — a role now served by a pharmacist (or a chemist or dispensing chemist) and some caregivers.

In addition to pharmacy responsibilities, the apothecary offered general medical advice and a range of services that are now performed solely by other specialist practitioners, such as surgery and midwifery. Apothecaries often operated through a retail shop which, in addition to ingredients for medicines, sold tobacco and patent medicines.

In its investigation of herbal and chemical ingredients, the work of an apothecary may be regarded as a precursor of the modern sciences of chemistry and pharmacology.

Insured also discussed wanting to perform X-rays. Not sure if equipment / processes are in place.

Electronics Lab

Sounds like a rather dormant area. Our investigation reveals significant electronic equipment. No fire damage. Insured states no chemical storage.

Wood/ Machine Shop

No chemicals. Admits “probably” thinners, mineral oils, stains, etc. Denies anything other than that typically found in wood shop.

Dental lab

Apparently a dentist room. NO discussion regarding chemicals or processes. Later, states “polymers stored under stairs, maybe they polymerized”.

Utility Room

Electric furnace. Electric water heater. Two electric air compressors (neither connected to electric) NO storage of other contents (Too difficult to access per insured)

Open Area

Admits to significant storage on north wall (shelving) involving chemicals. This area directly accesses chemical lab.

Chemical lab

Entire north wall is storage. Floor to ceiling. States a 'vapor hood' assembly (never installed(?)) but storage cabinets above it (holding chemicals). On north wall states "Mercury, Phenol Phosphene, Sodium Cyanide, Potassium Cyanide, Cuprous(?) Cyanide. (List goes on). On east wall states Picric acid "Very old, but well maintained(States he knows how dangerous it is)

Later admits to "solvents, ethers, Octines, Amines" in chem lab and open area.

Emphatically states no explosives, no heavy metals ("we don't put that in people").

Office

Sounds like an office. His drum set. Electronics. States no chemicals. Book cases w/ books.

Apothecary

Intended to be an X-ray room, but "didn't want regulation. (No idea what's in this room.) There is a false, elevated floor for electrical wiring to X-ray.

Upstairs

Insured admits to taking in 'new' materials that have not been "entered in" yet. These are in the master bedroom above the apothecary in the southwest corner.